



MONTHLY BURGLARY RECAP

For the Month of October 2006



Residential Burglaries - Single Family Homes

DAY/TIME FRAME	AREA	METHOD FE - Forced Entry/NF - Non-Forced	LOSS
10-02 / 7:15 a.m. to 2:20 p.m. 10-27 / 7:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.	<u>SOUTH</u> 300 Blk Stevens Av SW 800 Blk SW 4 th Pl	NF – Open Window D FE – Broke Window D	Knife, X-Box, Games, Camera Camera, Jewelry, Video Camera, Cash
10-04 / 7:15 a.m. to 6:55 p.m. 10-27 / 12:05 p.m.	<u>NORTH</u> 300 Blk Taylor Av NW 200 Blk Pelly Av N	FE – Forced Door D FE – Pried Window D	Jewelry, Checks, Laptop, DVD Player Suspects Arrested
10-02 / 1:11 a.m. 10-01 to 10-02 / 10:00 p.m. to 1:15 a.m. 09-22 to 10-03 / Unknown 10-14 / 8:09 p.m. to 8:25 p.m. 10-18 to 10-19 / 10:00 p.m. to 6 p.m. 10-21 / 2:25 p.m. 10-24 to 10-26 / Unknown	<u>HIGHLANDS</u> 400 Blk Index Pl NE 500 Blk Index Pl NE 400 Blk Index Av NE 2000 Blk Edmonds Av NE 2200 Blk NE 10 th St 400 Blk Edmonds Ct NE 3600 Blk NE 12 th St	NF – Unlocked Window N NF – Unlocked Garage N NF – Unknown U FE – Pried Door N NF – Unsecured Window N NF – Open Garage D FE – Broke Panel in Garage Door U	Compressor, Drill, Skill Saw Bike, Saw, Paint Numerous Tools Nothing Reported Missing Tools Pocket Bike Space Heater, Bikes

(D-Day / N-Night / U-Unknown)

Most Common Stolen Vehicles for Washington State - 2005

According to the National Insurance Crime Bureau, the following are Washington State's most commonly stolen vehicles:

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| 1. 1991 Honda Accord | 6. 1994 Nissan Sentra |
| 2. 1995 Honda Civic | 7. 1994 Saturn SL |
| 3. 1989 Toyota Camry | 8. 1993 Dodge Caravan |
| 4. 1990 Acura Integra | 9. 1988 Honda Prelude |
| 5. 1986 Toyota Pickup | 10. 1993 Jeep Cherokee/Grand Cherokee |

The NICB showed some 1,235,226 vehicles stolen last year (nationwide), representing an economic loss of over \$7.6 billion.



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Hello Block Watch Members!

There were 11 residential burglaries during the month of October, with 2 occurring in active Block Watch neighborhoods.

Home Improvement Scams Targeting Seniors

Many low-income elderly homeowners are targeted by scam artists who use high pressure tactics to sell unneeded and overpriced contracts for "home improvements." Often these scam artists charge more than their quoted prices or their work does not live up to their promises. When the senior refuses to pay for shoddy or incomplete work, the contractor or an affiliated lender threatens foreclosure on the senior's home.

Home improvement contractors use several methods of targeting seniors: high pressure phone calls, flyers, advertisements, and door-to-door sales. Unscrupulous contractors often employ one or more of the following sales tactics:

- ✓ "Bait and Switch" - offering low prices for installed items like windows and home siding, and then telling the senior the item is out of stock and can only be replaced with a high-priced substitute;
- ✓ Misrepresenting the urgency of a needed repair;
- ✓ Claiming the item is more expensive than advertised because it has to be "custom made" to fit the senior's home;
- ✓ Misrepresenting that the consumer is receiving a discount because the home is selected to model the repair when, in reality, the consumer is paying market price or more;
- ✓ Misrepresenting the energy savings, health benefits, and value added to the home;
- ✓ Misrepresenting the terms on which financing is likely to be arranged.

To order a copy of AARP's Home Improvement Contractors: A Model State Statute, contact AARP at (202) 434-3912. You can also access it on the web at http://research.aarp.org/consume/d16911_contractors.html.

